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(iv) Small Scale Industries.

847. As a first step to meet the primary demand for technical assistance from the Small Scale Industries, Government of India have organised two small industries service institutes at Bangalore and Hubli and two extension centres at Mysore and Belgaum. These centres have attached workshops for demonstrating improved methods of processing and use of latest machinery in manufacturing operations.

848. *Industrial Estates.*—The main objects of the Industrial Estates are to create the necessary climate and foster the development of industries and (2) to use the medium of industrial estates for dispersing industries to rural and under-developed areas in order to raise their level of improvement.

849. The eight industrial estates sanctioned to the State were located at Mysore, Bangalore, Belgaum, Harihar, Gulberga, Ramanagaram, Hubli and Mangalore.

Plan Schemes

850. *Plan Schemes.*—Under the Second Five-Year Plan several schemes were drawn up for the development of Small Scale Industries. A sum of Rs. 35.10 (Rs 45.35) lakhs was spent for implementing these schemes during the year. A brief outline of the progress achieved under the various schemes were :—

851. *Model Carpentry and Smithy Centres.*—Seven model centres were maintained by the Department for imparting advanced training in carpentry and smithy by using the modern machinery and equipment.

852. Smithy and carpentry articles worth Rs. 91,846 were produced and articles worth Rs. 63,394 were sold.

853. *Manufacture of Porcelain ware on Cottage Industries basis* :—This centre at Bangalore was engaged in the manufacture of decorated porcelain articles and goods worth Rs. 21,656 were produced and articles worth Rs.21,127 were sold during the year.

854. *Craft Co-operative Societies* :—A sum of Rs. 5,04,225 was disbursed as financial aid to three co-operative societies with a view to improving the economic condition of the village artisans and stabilise the craft industry.

855. *Pottery Centre at Madikebeedu.*—This centre was negaged in the manufacture of art pottery and glazed pots.

856. *Manufacture of Bicycle :*—The Bcicycle assembly unit managed by the Department is located at the Industrial Estate, Mysore and commenced functioning from September 1959. Some of the machinery were purchased from the Hindustan Machine Tools Limited. The imported parts were obtained through the National Small Industries Corporation. Certain types of special steels were being obtained from abroad.

(v) Cottage and Village Industries.

857. The Rural Industrialisation Scheme which was taken up in the First Five Year Plan was continued during the year. The main objects of the scheme were (i) to increase production and income from industries (2) to train the villagers in self-help habits and in the latest commercial and business methods.

858. Out of Rs. 10 lakhs allotted to the State, a sum of Rs. 6·60 lakhs was spent including Rs. 4·00 lakhs disbursed as surety loans under the Scheme.

859. *Rural Industrial Financing Bank.*—The Rural Industrial Financing Bank organised as an adjunct to the Rural Industrialisation Scheme continued to function with 401 Rural and six Urban Industrialisation Co-operative Societies affiliated to it.

860. The Rural Industrialisation Co-operative Societies had enrolled 2,771 new members during the year as against 4,033 members in the previous year. The share amount collected was Rs. 55,399.

(vi) Handloom Industry.

861. The total number of handlooms engaged in weaving of cotton yarn in the State was 1,04,051 according to loomage registered as per the Cotton Textile Control order.

862. At the end of the year more than 70 per cent of the total looms in the State were brought under the Weavers' Co-operative. The figures relating to Cotton, Woollen and Silk handlooms in the Co-operative fold were :

Cotton handlooms	...	74,666
Woollen handlooms	...	12,431
Silk handlooms	...	4,415
Total	...	91,512